

Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 1

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

We hope the time spent with family and friends and with your children over this past holiday time went well, without injury or accident, and that you managed to create some lasting memories. Or at least got some well-earned rest! Some people out there in the big, wide world might think that teachers get 12 weeks of holiday a year. Wouldn't THAT be a great thing?! The holidays from a teacher's perspective are about recharging the batteries for sure, but also about planning and preparing the term ahead. Holiday time should really be thought of as holiday AND non-contact time. I am sure all Halcombe parents go along with me in being grateful to the teachers here who have put in a lot of time in the thinking and preparing of learning for every child in their class. A school without kids is a pretty dull place, and it's so much better having everyone back and enthusiastic about school. There's a great term ahead with active learning, rich activities, and practical activities. I'm looking forward to it!

Have a great week,

Alastair & the H Team.

Welcome

It is with pleasure that we welcome back Sue Simpson to the teaching staff. Sue has been hard at work getting into the Rm 6 programme and making great plans for the students. She will bring back her undoubted strengths to this class and the staff too. And she's a really good Goal-Shoot for the Netball Challenge. Come on in and say hi. Sue would be pleased to see you.

Roll

We are experiencing continued roll growth at the moment and our roll continues to be just on 200 pupils. We are due to have more New Entrants coming in too, so by the end of the year we will have around 210 on our roll. This makes for interesting times and good opportunities as well as some balancing that needs to occur. I am grateful to the staff and parents who continue to help our teams, routines and offer opportunities for our kids as we balance the increased use of facilities and resources. Thankfully we have more than enough to go around!

We are employing a new teacher, who will be teaching alongside Margot in the NE room. We will make an announcement about this in next week's newsletter. This new teacher will teach in the same room as Margot and allow for a lower ratio for learning to occur really well.

Interschool Sports

We have winter sports exchanges lined up for senior school pupils:

- South Makirikiri (at home) - Thurs 12 August
- Newbury (away) - Thurs 19 August
- Colyton (away) - Thurs 26 August
- Bulls (away) - Thurs 2 September

A notice with all the relevant information will be sent home to those involved.

Calendar

Some of you have clicked onto the fact that the school website has a school-wide calendar of events on it now. If you go to the home page (<http://www.halcombe.school.nz/>), scroll down a little you will see events that relate to you and your children. Dates are continuously being updated and changed as they need to be, so keep informed by using this as you please.

Appointments during school time

We have noticed quite an increase in children who are taken out to appointments during school time. This often affects other siblings and so there is disruption to learning and routine. We realise it can be hard to get medical appointments at good times, but please ensure that appointments for minor things are done out of school time. Time spent in school matters.

Activities this term

As well as our major topic of learning about The Sea and Water this term, we have a full-on term ahead, including:

- Dental Caravan will be here during the term to check and book in dental work for all pupils.
- Annual Book Fair - a great chance to update reading material for your child, plus help the school literacy programme.
- Mathex, senior Sports Interchanges, Beach Trip.
- Gymnastics and Dance with a display.
- Senior Social and the netball challenge.

Assembly

We continue whole-school assemblies for the term, and this week Room 5 will host assembly. We start at 2.30pm on Friday in the hall. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

Pet Day

Just a heads-up that Pet Day will be very early in Term Four (date on the calendar). You will most likely already have selected your lamb or calf already (Animals must have been born between 1st July and 15th September). Information on entry and rules will be sent out later this term.

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Kia ora katou,

We're looking forward to another busy term with a number of group programmes starting soon (31st July) - first up there is the Blended Families Saturday workshop for couples in / or about to become, part of a blended family.

Second up is the Great Fathering 8 week evening programme starting on 10th August.

Triple P General (6 weeks) starts 25th August, on a Wednesday morning, for parents of 3-10 year olds.

The Triple P Teen group (Friday mornings) is quite full at the moment so the next available spaces may not until Term 4.

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Nga mihi nui

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